

I am very concerned about the consolidation of our media into fewer and fewer large corporate entities. It is especially disturbing that these corporations seem to disregard their responsibilities as stewards of our public airwaves and are increasingly willing to use their power to promote their own political and social agendas.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of such dangerous behavior.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned

postcard. Thank you.